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"GUSTAV".

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To VIKTOR<sup>[i]</sup>.

Through an emigré German actor<sup>[a]</sup>, at present in the USSR, "METRE [METR]" has received a lead on to , henceforth "GUSTAV". GUSTAV is about 35, a German [B. subject], anti-Hitler, although a ~~NSDAP~~ party member), concealed in his house here a friend of his wife's, a Jewess who was a refugee from Norway, gave 500 kroner to [B. provide materials] for the League<sup>[b]</sup> of German Officers in the USSR, has given some reliable [2 groups unrecoverable], says that he knows nothing about the USSR except slander, proposed to METRE that liaison be established with the Soviet Legation in order to obtain propaganda material about the work of German emigrés and prisoners in the USSR. [In GUSTAV father] died in the last war, his mother was a seamstress in HAMBURG, with difficulty he obtained an education in the business of , became a glider pilot and airman. At present is a representative in STOCKHOLM of the firm and a director of

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Distribution:

Has no capital of his own, but earns a lot. Is close to [6 groups unrecovered] PÜTTGEN, and also to the German tennis player VON KRAMM, who plays with the King. Has wide connections and is a person of authority in the German colony. He conceals his anti-Hitler feelings and actions. In the colony he is considered an exemplary Nazi, though the Hitlerite regime has exalted him among very minor people.

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T.N.: [a] The Russian word ARTIST, which is the word used here, more usually corresponds to "artiste" than "artist".

[b] Could equally well be translated as "Union". The German equivalent is BUND.

✓ Comment: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General F.M. FITIN.  
[ii] : member of the "Free Germany" movement  
[iii] METRE: untraced cover name Stockholm in January 1944

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